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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

*The price of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST from July 1st to January 1st is 75 cents.*

Model literature—The Bible.

Learn to read English well before you try to read Greek.

Are you ready for the, "In-such-an-hour-as-ye-think-not?"

A gentle and refreshing shower fell Monday and the prospective drouth is broken.

We could only get a part of Bro. McFadden's report in this number, as we were ready to go to press when it came.

Although eternal life is infinitely more precious than the life that now is, few labor consistent with the proposition.

D. N. Workman Elder of the G. B. B. church near Ashland is in very poor health and it is feared he can never fully recover.

Read the fifteenth chapter of John and perhaps you will discover some truths that you have not been thinking of lately.

Are the new born spiritual babes as carefully nurtured as the physical? If not, somebody is neglecting a duty and privilege.

Do you know, brother, that when your last hour of mortal life has come that you will not think of what treasures you have on earth but what you have in heaven?

The Ashland City Church has more than doubled its membership in the past six months and they are just getting started; Praise the Lord for a band like unto the soldiers of Gideon.

When did you first take "account of stock" with God? It is well to conduct our worldly affairs judiciously, but infinitely more important to have a "title clear to mansions in the skies."

Brother Pastor, how are the spiritual children born into your fold growing this summer. Are you as considerate of their wants as of the sweet little babe which came to your home at the same time?

Mrs. Harrison received word last week that her father is very poorly, and that unless he gets help soon can not long remain with us. Mrs. H. accordingly has gone to remain with her father during the days which God may be pleased to spare his life.

Ashland college announcements will be sent each minister whose name appears in the annual of 1893. And brother, if you are interested in Ashland college talk it up; at least hand the announcement to those contemplating a college or business education.

So long as the people of the United States can spend \$700,000,000 for tobacco and 1,300,000,000 for intoxicating liquors it is no surprise that there are not good homes, good clothes and good food for all, even in this land almost flowing with milk and honey.

As we read from week to week the obituaries of our brethren and sisters and their children, we think, oh, how can we so lightly esteem each other as we sometimes do. The voice or pen or hand that is raised against us will soon be hushed or laid low in the mouldering grave.

In a census of the Brethren church we would like to know how many read the Scriptures daily? how many have "family prayers", how many who have never prayed where other ears than their own heard them? how many give "as the Lord has prospered" them? how many give a tithe?

When we are twice our present age we shall be more than "three score and ten." Therefore we consider it no assumption to say that we are at the summit of our life ready very soon to enter upon the decline. Oh, how soon, at the latest, will our earthly pilgrimage cease. May we all redeem the time.

If our contributors would use five pound commercial note paper instead of heavier weights they would save themselves or us considerable postage. We can supply you with such paper at ten cents per hundred sheets. This is not more than half the price you will have to pay for the same grade of paper of a retail stationer.

Things that are not mentioned at funerals: The wealth accumulated; the balls, races, theaters and shows attended; the costly array and jewelery worn; the pugilistic encounters and athletic contests won; the people hated, defeated and who feared the deceased; the intoxicants drank; the narcotics chewed and smoked; the lawsuits instituted and won.

Brother J. Allen Miller writes: "Delegates to the National conference from all my congregations are chosen, and I will go. Others too, speak of going." This is

what we ought to hear from about one hundred and fifty congregations. When you have chosen a delegate be so kind as to report at once. We should be pleased to have all our ministers who contemplate attending the conference to drop us a card at once.

To us there seems to be a tendency on the part of too many of our contributors to use corrosive language, either forgetting or ignoring the fact that, "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger." We here resolve to be more careful in admitting such matter.

Are you a thief and a robber? Some very saintly looking people are. Read Malachi iii, 8-10 remembering that tithing is giving the tenth of your gross income, and perhaps you may be surprised to find that you are a criminal in the sight of God. "Where a man's treasure is there will his heart be also." If God has no more of some peoples hearts than he gets of their treasure He has a very small part of them.

A German Lutheran minister from Fort Wayne Ind., spent Sunday with Bro. A. L. Garber and attended the preaching services at the college and in the country. He is not satisfied with the doctrine of the church of which he is a member and is seeking to follow Christ more closely. He was much impressed by the practice of the Brethren and will probably come soon into the more perfect way of obedience. To those who are honestly investigating we extend a hand of welcome.

Bro. Holsinger calls attention to several matters of much importance in relation to our literature. We hope his article may be carefully read, and his suggestion well considered. The church has no more important and far reaching interests than her literature. Its character, management and support are paramount to every thing else. Although we could not do without other agencies, yet it is true that a penny will pay for as much preaching by the press as a dollar will by any other agency.

We are accustomed to hear the remark almost daily that, "It don't make any difference what church a man belongs to just so he does right." This is a very ingenious but not ingenuous statement. It assumes that a man can do right in any church. It may be considered "narrow" to deny this assumption, but broad or narrow we believe it is as false as Satan himself. Unfortunately we have no inspired church organization, and therefore no organization can claim to be absolutely perfect, but there are many organizations that are "enemies to the cross of Christ," and in them no one can purify his soul by obeying the truth.